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SUBJECT: ALDO MORO: TEXT OF STATEMENTS AT UN

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG (AS UNSC PRESIDENT), UNGA PRESIDENT
MOJSOV (YUGOSLAVIA) AND ECOSOC PRESIDENT MILLS (JAMAICA)
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AGREED APRIL 21 TO ISSUE JOINT STATMENT ON ALDO MORO
SITUATION (DETAILS SEPTTEL).

2. YOUNG, MOJSOV AND MILLS APPEARED BEFORE PRESS AND MILLS
READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT. QUOTE: TODAY AFTER CONSULTATIONS
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY MEMBER STATES, THE PRESIDENT
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MR. LAZAR MOJSOV, THE PRESIDENT

OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR DONALD MILLS, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG, EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AND DISMAY AT THE ABDUCTION OF MR. ALDO MORO AND THE THREATS AGAINST HIS LIFE. UNQUOTE.

3. MOJSOV THEN OFFERED FOLLOWING EXTEMPORANEOUS COMMENT. QUOTE: IN MY CONTACTS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY DELEGATES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, WHEN I CAME HERE FOR THE EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AND THIS COINCIDED WITH THE LATEST SAD NEWS ABOUT THE DESTINY OF ALDO MORO -- I WAS WITNESS OF MANY EXPRESSIONS OF STRONG HOPE THAT THIS DISTINGUISHED LEADER AND STATESMAN OF ITALY WILL BE RELEASED SOON AND WITHOUT DELAY. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITSELF KEEPS A VIVID MEMORY OF ALDO MORO WHEN HE WAS COMING HERE IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ITALIAN DELEGATION, ADDRESSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. MAY I ADD ALSO THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY TO ITALY -- YUGOSLAVIA -- WE HAVE IN YUGOSLAVIA A GREAT ESTEEM FOR THE STATESMANSHIP OF MR. ALDO MORO, AND ON THE VERY FIRST DAY OF THE INFORMATION OF HIS ABDUCTION, THE PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, JOSIP BROZ TITO, IN HIS TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC LEONE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT ALDO MORO WILL NOT ONLY BE SECURE AND ALIVE AFTER THESE TERRIBLE EVENTS, BUT WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE AGAIN FOR THE BENEFITS OF ITALY. UNCLASSIFIED

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I AM DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THESE SAD EVENTS WILL BE OVERCOME AND THAT WE SHALL ENJOY ONCE AGAIN THE PRESENCE AND THE ACTIVITY OF SUCH A DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN AS MR. ALDO MORO.

4. YOUNG OFFERED NO COMMENT TO PRESS AT THIS POINT, BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARD OUTSIDE UNGA HALL, IN PRESENCE OF SMALL GROUP OF REPORTERS, HE WAS ASKED, QUOTE: AMBASSADOR YOUNG, CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO US THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE? THIS APPARENTLY WAS NOT A POLITICAL MOVE AT ALL. UNQUOTE. YOUNG ANSWERED, QUOTE: IT REALLY WAS NOT. I THINK THERE WAS A CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THE STAFF LEVEL -- IT DIDN'T COME FROM GOVERNMENTS. IT CAME FROM PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE KNOWN AND WORKED WITH ALDO MORO AND WHO PRETTY MUCH ON THEIR OWN BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT THERE WAS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF CONCERN, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, IN THIS INSTITUTION, AND WE BEGAN TO TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT VERY QUICKLY EXPRESS OUR CONCERN, AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DO. UNQUOTE. YOUNG

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